



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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APRIL 11, 2005

WEATHER IMPROVED OVER PREVIOUS WEEK

Delaware farmers received less rain and more sun than the previous week and were able to spend more time in the fields. Farmers made good progress with planting **green peas** and **potatoes**. A few acres of **snap beans**, **field corn**, and **sweet corn** were planted.

Air temperatures were in the low 50's last week and most farmers in Delaware received less than two inches of rain. On average there were **3.3 days suitable for field work** for the week ending April 10, 2005.

Small grains are in good to excellent condition. **Winter wheat** is rated 14 percent good, 49 percent good, and 37 percent excellent. **Barley** condition is rated 15 percent good, 45 percent good, and 40 percent excellent.

Pastures are in fair to good condition with 3 percent rated poor, 22 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 7 percent very short, 33 percent short and 60 percent adequate.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Planting Progress:				
Green Peas	21	18	39	38
Potatoes	11	9	28	28

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	33	67
Topsoil (2004)	-	-	75	25
Five Year Average	1	4	57	39
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	90	10
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	85	15
Five Year Average	9	7	54	29

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.16	12.78	2.23	84	33	57	6
Easton	1.44	16.52	4.74	82	30	55	4
Frederick	0.31	11.69	2.25	83	34	55	9
Frostburg	0.23	13.09	1.48	79	29	52	8
Hagerstown	0.27	8.80	-0.45	82	36	56	8
Mechanicsville	0.84	13.17	1.21	85	33	55	4
Patuxent River	0.86	12.41	1.87	81	35	56	4
Ocean City	0.48	13.53	0.67	71	33	54	3
Salisbury	0.18	13.22	0.83	81	30	54	4
Sharpsburg	0.45	11.13	1.69	85	27	54	8
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.33	11.96	2.46	82	41	59	6
Delaware							
Dover	2.05	13.44	2.14	81	37	56	5
Georgetown	0.11	11.50	-0.51	80	34	56	6
Wilmington	0.35	12.71	2.24	75	35	54	6

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